



## Federal Legislative Activities Week of January 11, 2016

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Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of January 11, 2016, below.

### **Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity**

#### **Monday, January 11th**

2 PM | House will meet for legislative business to consider:

[S. 142](#) - Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015 – This bill requires that most commercial liquid nicotine products, including natural liquid nicotine, be packaged in accordance with existing federal regulations for poison prevention packaging for consumer products. Under the measure, this requirement would apply to liquid nicotine containers that are sold, offered for sale, manufactured for sale, distributed in commerce or imported into the United States. It would not, however, apply to liquid nicotine containers that are sealed, pre-filled, and disposable and meant to be inserted directly into an electronic cigarette or electronic nicotine delivery system.

[S. 1115](#) - Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act - This bill requires federal agencies to prepare reports on their efforts to close out accounts for expired grants, requiring that all federal agencies coordinate with the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to report to Congress on each agency's remaining expired grant accounts. Under the measure, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must direct all federal agencies to coordinate with HHS on submitting these reports to Congress.

[H.R. 598](#) - Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act - This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to establish a government wide inventory of federal programs by June 30, 2019, and to publicly post online detailed information about each program, including the program's funding level for the most recent three years, the program's beneficiaries, the number of federal employees and contractors who carry out the program, and links to any evaluations or assessments of the program.

[H.R. 653](#) - FOIA Act - This bill modifies the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to further promote the release and dissemination of government information – including by codifying elements of the attorney general's 2009 memorandum that requires federal agencies to establish a presumption of disclosure, by requiring agencies to post information that is frequently requested by the public and by requiring the establishment of a single government wide website where individuals can make FOIA requests and check on the status of those requests.

4 PM| House Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade will meet for a hearing titled, “SBA’s Office of International Trade: Good for Business?”

#### **Tuesday, January 12th**

10 AM | House Agriculture Committee Hearing: Past, Present, Future of SNAP: Addressing Special Populations. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Committee on Financial Services will meet for the hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges Facing the National Flood Insurance Program”

9 PM| State of the Union Address — President Obama will deliver his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday night at approximately 9 p.m. The House is expected to recess by 5:30 p.m. to allow a security sweep and other preparations, and the joint session will begin at approximately 8:35 p.m. San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon and San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan are invited to attend. Click [here](#) to view live.

### **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & the Balance of the Week**

[SJ Res 22](#) - Disapprove EPA/Corps of Engineers Rule Governing Waters of the United States. The resolution disapproves of the rule issued by EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers on June 29, 2015, commonly known as the "waters of the United States" rule that seeks to clarify the federal government's authority to regulate certain intrastate waters under the Clean Water Act, providing that the rule will have no force or effect. The bill nullifies the rule submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act and published on June 29, 2015. The president is expected to veto the measure, which is expected to be considered under a closed rule that prohibits amendments.